



# CCM 2013 Testimony

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## ***HOUSING COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**HB 5619 AAC Extermination of Bed Bugs in Public Housing, SB 334 AAC Bed Bugs and HB 5621 AA Establishing Guidelines and Procedures to Address Bed Bug Infestations** would establish the clear responsibilities of tenants, landlords and public housings authorities in the event of a bed bug infestation.

Bed Bug infestations have become a more common occurrence in both public and private housing and CCM supports the establishment of clearly defined responsibilities for all involved parties in order to expedite the identification and facilitate the prompt remediation in order to inhibit the further spread of the infestation.

Additionally CCM supports efforts to increase education of the general public regarding bed bugs, as we believe this to be vital in the prompt detection and identification of bed bugs. CCM would encourage the development of a webpage within the Department of Public Health's website to assist in the dissemination of information relating to the identification and remediation of bed bugs.

CCM supports the goals of HB 5619, SB 334 and HB 5621 and encourages the committee to approve these measures that will reduce the scope and spread of bed bug infestations.

CCM thanks the committee for raising this issue and for the opportunity to testify on these important bills.



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